

Pantagruel's
Prognostication :

**Certain, true, and infallible;
for the Year everlasting.**

**Newly composed for the benefit
and instruction of hair-brain'd
and idle Fellowes by Mr. AL-
CORIBAN, Sewer in chief
to PANTAGRUEL.**

**Set forth long since by that famous
well-wisher to the Mathematicks,
and Doctor in Physick,
FRANCIS RABELAIS.**

**Done in the way, and by the Tables, of
that Astrologer of the First Magnitude,
in the Brittish Hemisphere,
ANGELICUS.**

**And now of late translated out of French by
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THE DEDICATION

TO
Mr. William Lilly.

Learned Sir,

HERE present thee with an
ancient famous Wit of
France, which yet is not
much exalted above the
Meridian of thine. But in
comparison of whom all those Detards
of old; Zoroaster of the *Babians*, and
Orpheus of the *Thracians*, and Pytha-
goras of the *Sonians*, and Numa of the
Romans, and Democritus of the *Athenians*,
and Hippocrates of the *Germans*, and Aris-
totle of the *Welsh*, and Nostradamus of
the *French*, and Roger Bacon, and
Lamb, and I know not how many more

The Epistle

of the English, were but heavy and dull
Imposers. He is such a pleasant Astro-
loger. And thou resemblest him in this,
that although thou art not altogether
so good a Droll, yet every man when
he reads thee, has a kind of temptation to
laughter. And yet thou for thy part see-
mest so grave and serious that thou wilt
easily pardon the Translator of this,
having thy self so usefully rendred
his jest into good earnest: and I know
not perfectly whether he were thy
Original, or but an imperfect Copy, or
faint representation of thee, and a
Prophet to come. Thou hast all along
his Style, Figures, and Poling, and all
but the profession of Drollery. Thou
knowest as well how to wrap thy de-
ceits in a cloud of generalities, that they
may not lye open to discovery or repre-
hension. Do but look upon thy Ephe-
merides, and thou canst tell us very
gravely that some body or other shall dy
next month, and as plainly foretell the
fall of some great man in August, as we
mortalis the dropping of a Pomewater

Dedictory.

in Autumn. In fine, thy Prophecies are as sure as Death: for Those, as This, are in themselves certaine, but the Time, Place, Manner, and Persons, and such petty circumstances, altogether uncertain. Thou canst, like him, Prophecie of things past or present: but it will be thy wildome to be more sparing in future Contingencies, which depend on the will of Man; and though Heaven look upon us with a thousand Eyes, yet it is thought not to be able to peepe into mens private Closets, and lesse into the Cabinet of their Hearts; or to discover the little Thefts of a silver Spoon or Tankard, but such as thou imploiest thy Nimble Mercuries to steal. 'Tis true, There may be an unhappy guess, at these events, but 'tis a Calling winter or summer, Crosse or Pile, on which side to be mistaken a meere Handy Dandy. Even or Odd, which is the right. 'Tis to venture thy discretion at Passage, or, Most in three throws, in hope thou mayest have the good luck to speak truth. Our noble

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Scholler tells thee a mea-
sur'd verity, when he gives
the reason these bold pre-
dictions find so much Credit among
us. It is because we observe when they
hit, and not when they misse; and their
Faults like those of Physitians are hid
under ground, when their Cures live a-
bove it. The Candles vowed to the
Shrine of the Saint that preserved the
Passengers from a storm, are to be seen
in their Chappells, but they who were
wrackt in the sea had no such Memori-
ments. Nor is the same truth more un-
handsomely express'd by the wi-
sely Hist'orian our Nation
hath brought forth, That
Prognostications of this kind are as
seed scattered in the vast Field of
Time; tis extreme ill hap, if none of
them take. Sure I am, Time is thick
sown, how thin soever they come. If
it were not so, what need our Princes
allow such excessive Pensions to un-
derraine honorable Spyes, and receive ad-
vices from abroad, when thou art un-
versall

Dedictory.

versall Agent, who lyest lioger for the
spheres, and are confederate with Hea-
ven, canst more cheaply preferre insill-
gence above: when every Beame of the
Sun is a letter, and each Minute in is a
Character for thee to uncypher, and
read over all the dispatches of Fate.
And hence I belicve arises the angry
content between thee, and the ignorant
sawey Divines, who presume to under-
stand a Heaven above Thine. They take
a bare word, which some hold to be
but a weak security, and believe upon
Parole, that thou wilt have Gods hand
and deed sealed, and delivered to thy
Faith in a legible and shining Text.
There are that take thee to be noo only
a discoverer, but a cause of these Effects
thou foretellest. As the young Nestor
dangers for the City of Poussa, on fire
which he Propheesied should be burnt.
And says that he make the time of
his own death, would dye a volunteer
or stander to keep his word. Yet some
Malicious persons suspect thee to deal
not so much in Galilee, his Tubes as

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thy Magicall looking glasse (thy *Apo-*
lun *Trinitas* upon Earth) wherein to
 take the height of a match between
 two starrs when they shall meet in *Sci-*
tu, and enter into the signe of *Scorpio*.
 Others take thee to be a right Courtier
 of Heaven that ever keepst in with the
 Lord Attendant. If *Saturne* be deposed,
 quit him for a leaden melancholy
 Planer, and turn thee to *Jupiter* in his
 stead. Truly it is not unbecoming
 that he who studies the measure of
 Time should serue it. As for the Coun-
 try, it contends for thee as the seven
 Cities for thy fellow Poet *Heber*. *Eflex*
 pretends to thee by reason the Sun, thy
 Prince, rises from thence. And *Surrey*
 because though it be barren and dry (as
 thy language) yet it is full of a
 cleare Ayre, such as that of *Affysia*
 where thy Brethren the Chaldeans first
 practis'd. And in *Middlesex*, though
 most of the Native Gentleman have
 somewhat of the incivility and rude-
 nesse of Clownes, and the eminent
 Clownes somewhat of the riches and
 pride

Dedication

pride of this Gentlemen yet both are
content and humble themselves, and
purchase thee at the dear expence of
a Teston. Onely they complain thou art
too negligent of the serious affaires of
thy lovers, and would send thee ofrang-
er, when they carry their Bible to
Church, If thou wouldst quit this busy
trade of Policy, which they think not
so proper, & deal a little more in their
beloved husbandry. They look upon ea-
very page of the Month to find Cloudy,
Dark, somewhat Cold, Thunder like
Inclining to rain, or what like an Oracle
never fails, Variable weather. They ex-
pect to hear from thee, when shall
Signe it is safe to cut their Cocks, and
their Pigs, when to plough or sow,
when to plant or graft Trees or, in short
late their Vines with the likeliest hope
of fruit. They wish to be instructed what
are the Quarterly or Monthly Teames,
what is the wide difference betwixt
St. Lucies night, and St. Barnabees,
and the effects of a showry St. Swithuns
or a shyny Candlemas. When a deere
year

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year is a coming, for Sordido to be
 up his Corn. And the Epicure longs
 to know from thee when Oysters are
 fullest and fatest, and the very minute
 and second, when Venison or Lobsters
 give out of season. If thou didst but inter-
 mine them with these usefull discourses
 they swear to do nothing without
 thee. Not to eat or drink without thy
 licence. Not to goe to Roble unless
 Mercury be Retrograde. Not to a Con-
 venticle but by star light. Not to Court
 without enquiry if Jupiter be stirring.
 The Goodwife would not see her Looks
 or Ouyons but under an Egyptian con-
 stellation. Nor keepe milke Cow with-
 out thy Heavenly Bull. Nor expect her
 butter to come, unless by thy charming.
 Their Petitions seeme to me very rea-
 sonable, to which they add, It would
 doe well if thou leave not out the Effi-
 gies of the Man that is ruled through
 all the twelve Signes, but place it in the
 room of thy Picture, and such whole-
 some advices in rhyme, as *The Barber
 and Ventry, Drink wine but sparingly*
 and

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and the like, These were anhelvments fit for thy Learned adventures. These things they understand, and (I am a fraid) thy self does No more. But they are perswaded, that to cast the Nativity-water of a Nation, and prescribe the Phlebotomy of War, or purging of a Parliament, City, or Army is but to be a ~~Celestial~~ *Quack*, a fortune-teller at large, and a State-Mountebanck. To conclude, I should forget the Nature of an Almanack, did I not a little fringe it over with verses: And therefore I presume herewithall to send you an ancient Prophecy made in *Henry* the 8 his time, by a Poet Laureat *John Skelton*; who, though he were as merry a Madcap as the Doctor, and his verses appeare like that play at Crambo; and that he run a poor rhyme out of breath till it pant and expire, or hurry it on with such a strong gale, til it touch upon the Coast of Nonsenses yet perhaps between his fits of talking idly, he hath some lucid Intervalls of shrewd and poinant expressions. Read him

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him here as a Prediction of our Tables
in Type, but in Truth of thee, to whom
all the world subscribes, as I do my
selfe,

Thine Idolater, as thou
are the Stars,

Democritus Pseudomantis

With such a strong gale, the rough
upon the Coast of Montserrat yet per-
haps between this fire of talking idles
he hath some loud Interalls of
ill is part and expire, or hurry it on
that's run a poor rhyme out of breath
appear like that play at Cransbos; and
Marked as the Doctor, and his verses
was; who, though he were as merry a
8 his time, by a Poor Fellow John Skel-
an ancient Prophecy made in Henry the
fore I presume herewithall to send you
things over with verse: And there-
a little

Skelton

Skelton upon Rabelais.

O *William Lilly,*
Thou Conqueror Billy,
So subtile and wily,
That art not so silly
As the Fole of a Filly,
To take a cold Gelly
On the ground that we see lie
For a grave fixe Star,
That shines from afar,
And moves regular,
Yet asquar doth appear,
And to steal a look fear,
If *William* be near,
He knowes when they joyne
In Quartile or Trine,
Or in the sixth Line,
And in every Mine
On *will* they do shine,
He's their Chaplain in Line,
And household Divine

Sans prair's, Purses, or Unctions,
Or magique injunctions,
That cause our compassions,
For the best of his functions
Is to plump for Conjunctions.

He knowes every season
H'as a politick reason,
Why the Beans or the Peason
Be cheap or be geason.
He knowes to disesse one
Prince, fatter to grease one;
For the Stars speak no treason.

The Planets all seven,
Houses one and eleven,
To him rent-free are given,
Plots on earth he makes even,
And puts 'em upon heaven.

For better a greas deal
Sage *Thales* might tell
The Stars in the Well,
When musing he fell,
Then the pit deep as Hell,
By the Stars to reveal.
To him the *Swaes* saine
To be bound for his pain,
And to bind him again

They

They send a gold-chain
Then woe be to Spain,
If will say, No man
So I do not intrenchman,
To lend thee this Frenchman;
He once lov'd the Venetian
Well as any old Frenchman,
Then come, do not flinch man,
And butt not an inch man.
For though a Physician,
He was no Magician,
But a Mathematician
That made inquisition
Of Nature's condition
In a doubtfull position.
And thou art much in a mind
Him well you may trust,
He's a Truth-teller just;
And ne're for his lust
Found ~~For~~ ~~combust~~
Nor to leap as a crust
Th' Ascendant untruff.
Nor swore he by Ods digger,
E're thought to grow bigger
By casting a Figure,
Or lying in leagure

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For better a great deal
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And to bind him again

They

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Then woe be to Spain, and a sight and
If will say, No more, and quinnua A
So I do not intrench my
To lend thee this Frenchman: W
He once lov'd a Wenchman: W
Well as any old Frenchman: W
Then come, do not flinch man, no Y
And bare not an inch man, A
For though a Physician, O
He was no Magician, H
But a Mathematician, H
That made inquisition, A
Of Nature's condition, A
In a doubtfull position, O
And thou art much faster one, A
Him well you may trust, W
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Saw

Saw the Stars dance a jig here. IT
But this a fair blisse is. IT
A cunning man guesses. IT
As sage as *Alfiss*. IT
What the Serpent hisses. IT
Or whom *Vergil* kills. IT
Or when the Mobn pisses. IT
You cast the skie's water. IT
And find where they saunter. IT
Or else you but palter. IT
Buy Jack of Horologers. IT
Ape of Amphibologers. IT
And friend of Philologers. IT
And Bat of Tautologers. IT
Buffone of Bomolochers. IT
And cream of Chronologers. IT
Whom all Erymologers
Call the Flower of Astrologers.

Per me *Johannem Skeltonum* Po-
ctam Laureatum.

To



To the courteous

READER

Health and Peace in

JESUS CHRIST



Taking into Consideration the
infinite abuses that are occa-
sioned by a number of Learned
Prognostications, made out of a

glasse of wine, I have here now Calculated
the most certaine and true One that ever was
seen, as Experience will demonstare to you.

For without Doubt, considering that which
the Royall Prophet saies (in the fifth Psalm)
Thou shalt destroy all them that speak
lies; 'Tis no small sin to lye knowingly, and
abuse the poor world that is ravished and in-
quiritive after News, as the French nation
have been for all ages, as Caesar writes in his
Commentaries, and John de Gravot in his
Gallick Mythology, and which we likewise

To the Reader.

seeing they doe in France, where the first discourse that is hold to people newly arrived, is, what newes? Do you know nothing that is New? what is the talke? what do they discourse of abroad? And so earnest and attentive they are, that they oftentimes are angry with those that come from other Countries, and strange places, without bringing their budgees full of Newes, calling them Fools and Idiots.

So that, as they are ready to enquire Newes, they are likewise easily believe what is told them. Were it not a good deed to entertaine some persons (worthy of belofe) and place them at the Entrance of the Country, onely to examine the Newes that is brought, whether it be true or no? Yes, Certainly. And thus did my Good Master Pantagruel throughout the Countries of Utopia and Dipfodia. And so successfull it hath been to him, and his territories have so prospered, that they have more wine then they know how to drink; and they are faine to throw it away: if good Drinkers and Merry boyes came not from other places to help them. Being desirous then to satisfie the Curiosity of
all

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all good fellows, I have searched all the Heavens, Calculated the squares of the sides, pick'd out and discovered all that the Astrophils, Hypernephelists, Anemophylaces, Uranopetes, and Orobaphors ever thought of, and conferred with Empedocles concerning it, who remembers himself to you. And all the Ten Antems I have here digested into a few Chapters, assuring you that I speak nothing of it but what I think, and think nothing of it but what is. And nothing else of it is true, but what you'll now read.

That which shall be said over and above, shall in Grasse passe the Strainer pesse messe: And peradventure it shall come to passe, and peradventure never. Of one thing I give you notice, that if you do not believe all you'll do me a very great forward turn, for which, either here or else where you shall be most grievously punished: and the Bulls Pistle shall not be spared upon your shoulders. And suck in the aire as long as you will, like Oysters: for certainly, There shall be some of you well warm'd, if the Rakefire doth not fall asleep. Well, wipe your noses, little ones,

To the Reader.

and, you will observe, make your Spectacles,
and weigh these words in the ballance of the
Sanctuary.

Of the Golden Number, *Nos Decem*. I
find none this year, for all the Cal-
culation I have made: Lets go for-
ward (*venite Folium*).

That which shall be said over and above
shall in briefe passe the former best words:
And forasmuch as I shall come to briefe, and
of one thing I know.
You note, that if you do not believe all that
do me a very great shrewd turn; for which
either I am to este where you shall be more
truly comforted; and the Tullie style
shall not be spent upon your shew
and such in the way as you will like
Others: I am sorry, I shall be true of
you will say, if the Scripture will not
fall off. I will with your notes, this year
and



out of nothing they were: and brought forth the world: now are: for
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for the year Everlasting

of this year and all others according
 to our true opinion will be the most

CHAP. II

Of the Governour and Sovereign

Angels, Saints, and other Divines
 shall have no power, energy, or influ-

CHAP. III

Of the Governour and Sovereign

year but God the Creator, who by his
 Divine word governs and orders every

thing, by whom all things are main-
 tained in their nature, propriety, and

CHAP. IV **B 3** **con-**

Condition, and without whose G-
 vernment and power all things would
 in a Moment be reduced to nothing, as
 out of nothing they were by him made
 and brought to what they now are: for
 from him cometh, in him is, and by
 him is perfected, all beings, and all
 good, all life, and Motions, as saith the
 Evangelicall Trumpet, My Lord Saint
 Paul, Rom. the 11. The Governour then
 of this yeare and all others according
 to our true opinion will be the most
 powerfull God, and Saturne, Mars,
 Jupiter, nor other Planets, no nor the
 Angells, Saints, nor Men, nor Divells,
 shall have any power, energy, or influ-
 ence whatsoever, if God of his good
 pleasure doth not bestow it upon them.
 As Iulius saies, The second cause hath
 not influence in any action, unless they
 receive it from the first cause. Doth not
 the good little man speak truth?

And thus we have seen the Creator who by his
 Divine word governs and orders every
 thing, by whom all things are main-
 tained in their being, property, and

CHAP. II.

Of the Eclipses this year.

There shall be so many Eclipses
 of the Sun and Moon this year,
 that I am afraid (not without reason)
 that our purges will suffer Emprisonment,
 and our senses Perturbation: *Mercury*
 shall be Retrograde, that *Direx*, *Mer-*
cury Inconstant; and a number of other
 Planets shall not go as you would have
 them. For this reason therefore, Crails
 shall go slowwayes, and Rope-makers
 backwards; the Joyne-stocks shall get
 up upon the formes; The Spres upon
 the Andirons; And Capps upon Hatts:
 Many Mens bollocks will hang down
 for want of a potch: Fleas for the
 most part will be black: The Bacon in
 Lent shall runne away from the Pease;
 The Belly shall go forthmost, the breech
 shall sit down first: The Beane shall
 not be found in the Cake on twelfth
 Night: The Ace will not be seen at
 flush: The Dice shall not please al-
 though

though they be flatter'd, And the
 Chance one wishes for, shall seldome
 come : in many places the beasts shall
 speak : Shrovetide shall get his Proces:
 One part of the World shall disguise
 themselves to cozen the other, and
 runne about the Streets like fools and
 mad Men. Never was there such disorder
 seen in Nature, and above twenty-
 seaven Verbs shall be made irregu-
 lar, if *Priscian* keep them not short. If
 God doth not help us, we shall have a
 great deal of businesse, but against the
 haire : If he be for us, nothing can do
 us hurte, as sayes the Divine Astrologer
 that was ravish'd into Heaven, Rom. 8.
Si Deus pro Nobis, quis contra Nos ?
Nemo, Domine : for He is too good and
 too powerfull : Let us here blesse his
 Holy Name for it.

CHAP. III.

Of Diseases this year.

THis year, the Blind shall see but
 very little, the Deafe shall hear
 but

but ill; the Dumb shall not speak much;
 the Rich shall be a little better then
 the poor; and those that are well petted
 then those that are sick. Many Sheep,
 Bees, Hogs, Geese, Hens, and Ducks
 shall dye. And there shall not be so
 cruel a Mortality among the Mankeys
 and Dromedaries. Old Age shall be
 this year inevitable by reason of the
 years past. Those that have a Plour
 rishy shall be troubled with great pain
 in their sides. They that are troubled
 with a loosenesse shall goe often to the
 Close-stool. The Catharrs this year
 shal fall from the brain into the lower
 parts. Sore eyes shal be very hurtfull
 to the sight. Eares shall be short, and
 more rare in Gascony then usual; and
 a very horrible Maligne, troublesome,
 and scurvey disease shal reign this
 year, almost universally; which shall
 make the World very much wonder;
 and many shall not know which way
 to turne themselves. And oftentimes
 they shall raveningly compose, and Syl-
 logise upon the Philosophers Stone
 and

and of *Midas* his *Emperour*. I tremble for
 fear when I think on't, for 'twill (I say)
 be Epidemical. (and *Averroes* calls it
VII. Colligent) want of Money. And by
 reason of the Comet last year and the
 Retrogradation of *Saturnus* a great Rague
 shall dye in the Hospital all pecky and
 scabby, at whose Death there shall be
 a horrible sedition between the Cats
 and the Rats, between the Hounds and
 the Hares, between the Hawks and
 the Partridges, between the Monks and
 the Eggs.

CHAP. IV
 Of Fruit, and the Riches that we receive
 from the Earth.

I find by *Albion*'s computation,
 in the book of the great Conjunction,
 and elsewhere, that this year shall be
 very fertile, and there shall be plenty
 of all things with those that have
 wherewithall; but the Hops of *Pi-*
cardie will be somewhat afraid of the
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more bacon then there are hogs, by
Reason of prices Ascendants, it shall be a
great year of Snalles. Mercury doth
a little threaten the Parsely, but it shall
be not vnderstanding at reasonable rates.
Marigolds and Honey-suckles shall
grow more then usually, and there
will be abundance of Cheakey pears,
Corney Grapes, all sorts of fruits, Pease,
Beans, and all manner of Rootes vvas
never seen in such abundance, if poor
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CHAP. V.

Of the conditions of some People.

Is the greatest folly in the world
to thank there are stars for
Kings, Popes, and great Persons, more
then for poor and ordinary people. As
If new stars had been created since the
Deluge, or of Romulus, or of ~~the~~ at
the new creation of Kings. It is that
which *Triboulet* nor *Caillette* will not say,
who were nevertheless Persons of high

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High knowledge and great Renown
 and perhaps in Noah's Ark, this Tribu-
 let was of the Race of the Kings of Ca-
 stile; and Castile of the blood of Priam.
 But this error proceeds onely from the
 want of the true Catholike faith.
 Granting it then for certain that the
 Starres care as little for Kings as for
 Beggars, for Rich folkes as for Poor,
 leave it to other foolish Prognosticators
 to speak of Kings and wealthy persons
 and speak of shales of a low condition.
 And first of those that are under Saturne;
 as, people unprovided of Money, Jeal-
 ous, Dotards, Evil-thinkers, Suspicious
 persons, Mole-catchers, Usurers, Far-
 mers, Coblers, Tanners, Tylers, Bell-
 founders, Compounders of Debts, Bor-
 chers, Melancholy people, shall not
 have this year al that they would have;
 they shall study much how to get the
 holy Crosse, they shall not throw
 their Bacon to the Dogges, and they
 shall often Scratch where it doth not
 Itch.

Those that are under Jupiter, as Hy-
 pocrites,

parrites, dissemblers, Buskin-makers,
 Pardon-sellers, Attorneys, Writing-
 masters, Scriveners, Bull-makers,
 Dispatchers of the Popes Bulls, Law-
 yers, Capuchins, Monks, Hermits,
 Bigots, Santons, hairy-handed wry-
 necked fellows, blotters of paper,
 Braggadoshoes, wearers of long hair,
 Clerks of the Brisson, Maker of Fryers
 hoods, Bed-sellers, Blurrers of Parch-
 ment, Notaryes, Counterfeits, Convey-
 ancers, shall behave themselves accor-
 ding to the money they have. And so
 many Church-men shall dye, that 'twill
 be hard to find Parsons, to conferre be-
 nefices upon, in so much that many shal
 enjoy two, three, four, and more. Hy-
 potritical zeal will make a great tem-
 pest with its ancient accustomed Noise,
 since the World is grown so very bad,
 and is now but little foolish, as sayes A-
 venage.

Under Mars as Hang-men, Murthe-
 rers, Free-booters, Rogues, Bailiffs,
 Recorders, Watch-men, Dead-payers,
 Tooth-drawers, Cut-purses, Butchers,

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Coyners, Physicians, Nigars, Renegadoes, Atheists, and Blasphemers, Sellers of Matches, Bouteux, Chimney-sweepers, Churls, Colliers, Alchemists, Tinkers, Cooks, Pedlers, Alms-gatherers, Lantern-makers, Boores, shall play many notable tricks this year: but some of them shall be very subject to be bastonaded. One of the forenamed shall this year be made Bishop of the Country, giving his benediction with his feet to the Passengers.

Under *sol*, as Drinkers, Fiery-faces, Gorbellyes, Brewers, Hay-makers, Porters, Mowers, Thatchers, Packers, Shepheards, Cow-keepers, Hog-keepers, Bird-keepers, Gardeners, Grangers, Hedgers, Beggars, Cap-clensers, Stocking menders, Lazy Rogues, Smel feasts all generally wearing their shirts tied upon their backs, shall be healthfull, & merry; and when they are invited to a Wedding shall not have the Gout in their teeth.

Under *Frax*, as Whorers, Bawdes, Wenchers, Buggerers, Gallants, Frenchified

chified fellows, canker'd boyes, Rorers, Pimps, Beggerly Sluts, Chamber-maids of Inns, *Nonna Mulierum defuncta in fies* at Landresses, Tavernesses, Hostesses, Starchers, Washers, Brokers, shall be in esteem this year, But the Sun entering into Cancer and other Signes, they must have a care of the Pox, Gonorrhea, C--- botches, &----- The Nuns shall hardly conceive without virile Operation, very few Maids shall have Milk in their breasts.

Under *Mercury*, as Cheaters, Cozners, Deceivers, Mountebanks, Theeves, Millers, Street-walkers, Pick-locks, Filchers, Keepers, Rimers, Charletans, Juglers, Pedants, Anagrammatists, a Paper-maker, Cord-tollers, Pirates. They would seeme oftentimes to be more Merry than they are, sometime they'l put their hand in their Pocket, when there is nothing in it; and shall be very subject to become bankrupts, if they finde not more money in their purses, then they have occasion of.

Under the *Moon* as Almanack Letters, Huntsmen,

Huntsmen, Faulknets, Posts, Sallets, Lunatics, Fools, Shallow-brained, Obstinates, Fantastical people, Cartiers, Horse-couriers, Lacquies, Bookers, Tennis-players, Glaziers, Light-horsemen, Ferry-men, Seamen, Groggones, shall not this year have many Stops. Nevertheless there shall not many swaggering Swiflers go to Saint *Hagabo*, as there did in the year 524. Many Pilgrims shall come down the Mountaines of Savoy and Avergne; but *Sagittarius* threatens them with Chilblaines at their heels.

CHAP. VI.

Of the Condition of some Countreies.

THe noble Kingdome of France shall triumph and prosper this yeare, in all manner of Pleasure and delights, insomuch that strange Nations will willingly resort thither; little delights and Passe-times will be used there, in which every one will take pleasure. There was never more wines seen nor more delicate: great quantity of

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Raddishes in Lyons, store of Chest-
 nuts in Perigord and Dauphine, Many
 Olives in Dauphine, great store of sand
 in Ploue: Much fish in the sea, Many
 stars in the sky, Much salt in Perridge:
 Plants, Corn, Pease, Fruit, Herbs,
 Roots, in fields. No plague, No war, No
 trouble. Good store of Poverty, Great
 store of Care, Much melancholly. And
 those old double Ducats, Role Nobles,
 Angelots, Royalls, and Sheep with the
 long wool, will come in fashion again,
 with plenty of Seraphs and Crowns of
 the Sunne. Nevertheless about the
 middle of the Summer, the coming of
 some black fleas, and come mites, is to
 be feared, — *ad nihil est ex omni parte hor-
 tum*; but they must be moderated by
 evening collations, *et late even night a
 medicina for the fleas*. Italy, Romagna,
 Naples, Sicily, shall remain where they
 were the last yeare. They shall dream
 soundly about the end of Lent, and
 sometimes shall talk idly, — when 'tis
 towards Noon.

Germany, Switzerland, Saxony, Stras-
 bourg

bours &c, shall thrive if they do't break. The Pardon sellers ought to dread them. And this yeare many Anniversaries shall not be founded.

Spain, Castile, Portugal, Arregon, shall be very subject to suddain alterations: and the young as the old, shall be very much afraid to dye, and therefore shall keep themselves warme, and often tell their Dollars if they have any.

England, Scotland, the Easterlings, shall be but bad Pantagruelists. Wine would be as wholesome for them as Beer, provided 'twere good & delicate. As all tables their hopes shall be in an after Game. Saint Trisnant of Scotland shall do divers and sundry miracles, but he shall see never the better, for all the Candles that are offered to him. If Aries lose not his horses, the Moscovites, Indians, Persians and Troglodites shall be often troubled with the bloody flux, because they will not be gulled by the Romanists. By reason of the dance of ascendant *Sagittarius*, Bohemians, Jews, Egyptians, will not this year be reduced

ced into that condition they expect.
Venus threatens them cruelly with
 the Kings evill in the throat: but they
 shall yield to the will of the King of
 Butterflies.

Escarogots, *Sarabogites*, *Canquemars*,
Cannibals, shall be much troubled with
 horf-flies, and not much inclined to lea-
 chery, unlesse *Gusticum* be in Request.
Austria, *Hungary*, *Turkey*, by my
 faith, my good fellows, I know not how
 'twill be with them; and very little do
 I care, considering the brave entry of
 the Sunne into *Capricorn*; And if you
 know any more, say nothing of it, but
 stay till the lame Post comes.

CHAP. VII.

*Of the four Seasons of the Year, and first
 of the Spring.*

I N all this year, there shall be but one
 Moon. Neither shall it be a new one.
 You blades, that do not believe in God
 are very sorry for it. You that perform
 his holy and divine word together

with those that maintain and stand for it; But go hang your selves, never shall there be other Moon, than that which God created at the beginning of the World; and which by the power of his aforesaid sacred word was placed in the great firmament to light and guide mankind by night. But hold, I will not from hence inferre that she doth not shew greater or lesse light to the people upon earth, according as she is neerer or farther off the Sunne: for why, for as much as &c. Besides, don't pray to God to keep her from the wolves, for they shall not so much as touch with her this year I assure you. Oh! to our purpose. You shall see this season more flowers by halfe than in all the other three, and he shall not be thought a fool that in this season makes his provision of money rather then of cobwebs all the year after. The Griffons and Chestnuts of the Mountaines of Savoy, Dauphine, Hyperboreans; that have perpetuall snows shall be disappointed this season; and there shall be none, according to the
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opinion of *Auicen*, vvho sayes, that 'tis then Spring. when the Snow falls from the Mountaines. Beleeve this, Porter. In my time, they thought it winter when the Sunne enter'd into the first degree of *Aries*. If they reckon otherwise now, I am satisfied, and will hold my tongue.

CHAP. VIII.

Of Summer.

IN Summer, I know not what winds will be abroad, but I know that 'twill be hot weather, and the southerly wind will raigne. Nevertheless if it should happen otherwise, we must not blaspheme God, for he is wiser then we are, and knowes better what is necessary for us then we our selves. Yeas, I'll assure you, upon my honour, what ever *Haly* and his Disciples have said of it, You'l do well to be Merry and drink in Fresco, although some have said that there is nothing more contrary to thirst. And I likewise beleeve it, *Caractera-
travisi caratur.*

CHAP. IX.
Of Autumne.

IN Autumne, will be the vintage, or before, or after; 'tis all one to me so we have drink enough. Paper will now be in season, for some that think onely to fast will bravely besहित themselves; Them and those that have vowed to fast, till the starrs appeare in the sky, may now by my Grant and dispensation feed abundantly; and in troth, they have stayed long enough. For I tell you they have been fast enough there, this 16 thousand and I know not how many more dayes agoe. Hope not henceforward to catch Larks when the sky falls, for upon my honour it shall not fall in your dayes. Hypocrites, Zelots, Pardon-sellers, Begging friers, and such kind of Counterfeit Companions, shall come out of their holes, every one have a care of himselfe that will beware likewise of Arrests when you eate Fish, and from poison God keep you.

CHAP. X.

Of winter.

ACcording to my little understanding, those will have no great wit that in winter sell their furs to buy wood; for the Ancients did not so, as *Auenzouart* witnesses. Be not melancholly if it raine, you'll have the lesse dust upon the roades. Keep your selves warme, beware of Catarrhs and Colds; Drink of the best, whilst the worst mends, and henceforward shite no more in Bed. O ho, Poultry do you go so high to roost?

*End of the Pantagrueline
Prognostication.*

FINIS.